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Re: European Community v. RJR Nabisco, Inc., et al., 00 Civ. 6617 (NGG);
Department of Amazonas, et al., v. Philip Morris Companies, Inc., et al.,
00 Civ. 2881 (NGG) (consolidated)

Dear John:

On behalf of the defendants, I write to request an extension of time until March 26, 2001 to file a reply brief to the 350 pages of briefs (and approximately 1500 pages of additional exhibits) you served in opposition to our motions to dismiss. This will provide us with the same amount of time to reply to your papers that you had to respond to ours.

We need the additional time principally to consult with and obtain counter declarations on foreign law from experts in both Latin America and Europe and to coordinate our responses with other defense counsel so as to consolidate and streamline the reply briefs for the benefit of the Court, as he had requested, and counsel for all parties.

I also would appreciate your advising us promptly when you plan to provide English translations of the German, French, Italian and Spanish court decisions and the Japanese statutes that you cited in and appended to your opposition papers. If you do not plan to supply English translations before our reply briefs are due (as hopefully extended), then we will need to undertake to arrange our own translations.

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Thank you for the courtesy of a prompt reply. If we do not hear from you by 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 2, then we shall assume that you do not agree to the extension and we will request the extension from the Court.

Sincerely,

Craig A. Stewart

cc: All Counsel (by facsimile)